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Football Stingers Honour Their Best

J.F. Héroux and Gaston Thibodeau took top honours tonight as the Concordia Stingers held their annual Football Awards Banquet.

Héroux, a fifth year native of Trois-Rivières, was named the team's Offensive Player of the Year, while Thibodeau, of St-Constant, was selected as the Most Outstanding Defensive Player.

Héroux caught 19 passes for 383 yards and rushed for another 92 earning him a berth on the All-Canadian team. The versatile player, who switched from tailback to slotback this season, was the team's leading punt returner. He was named CIAU Football Player of the Week after gaining 269 all-purpose yards in leading Concordia to a 28-16 victory over Carleton.

Thibodeau was the anchor of the vaunted Stinger defense. The 6'1 linebacker recorded 47 tackles (9 unassisted, 37 assisted, 1 sack) as well as 1 interception.

Jacques Moreau, an All-Canadian tackle, was the Stingers' top Offensive Lineman. The North Shore graduate was a big factor in Concordia's high power offense. The fifth year player will move on to the Canadian Football League with the Ottawa Rough Riders.

Gary Locke, a first year player from Gloucester, Ontario, was selected as the team's top rookie. A graduate of the Ottawa Colts midget team, Gary recorded 16 tackles and 2 interceptions.

Andrew Peterkin, an honours Mechanical Engineering student, was selected as the Academic Player of the Year. Andrew, the Stingers' big play man, caught 27 passes for 425 yards and 3 touchdowns while maintaining a 3.44 grade point average.

Scott Hitchcock, a third year player from Markham, Ontario, received the award as Outstanding Specialty Teams player. Scott was fourth on the team in tackles with 33, including 15 unassisted.

Ron Aboud became the first-ever recipient of the Russ Blackwell Trophy. The award will be presented annually to a veteran player who is voted by his teammates as "Most Dedicated Player". The award caps a magnificent five year career that included nominations for the Peter Gorman Trophy (Rookie) and the Hec Creighton Trophy (M.V.P.).